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## NOTES FROM COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE S, THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL.—Copies of the Report of this Committee have been sent to the members for approval or criticism. Subject to revision, the statement may be made that the data collected by the Committee seem to warrant the following conclusions:

1. The attitude of observant and experienced teachers at representative institutions is, on the whole, favorable to the summer courses, though mainly in the interest of persons who would otherwise be cut off altogether from university privileges.

2. Students in summer courses, while they show greater extremes of ability, are not, in general, inferior to students in other courses.

3. With regard to the effect of the Summer School on research, although opinions conflict, the general drift seems to be that summer courses as now organized in most institutions are distinctly harmful, mainly because of the drain upon the investigator's nervous energy. The extent of the evil depends in a measure, however, upon the individual, some teachers being able to pursue research in connection with their teaching, others not. Round-the-year teaching for long periods of years is permitted at many, perhaps most, institutions, though it is acknowledged to be an evil in itself as well as inimical to research. It does not appear that the rise of the Summer School has thus far actually diminished the scholarly output, however much it may threaten to do so.

4. There is a general suspicion that the summer courses work adversely to increases of salary and to promotion, but no specific data have come to the attention of the Committee.

It is expected that the Report will be presented at the next meeting of the Association, and that it will include specific recommendations for action.

Tables have been prepared showing (1) the proportion of local to outside teachers in the leading Summer Schools, (2) the proportion of Summer School teachers to the entire Faculty, and (3) the extent of round-the-year teaching in representative institutions.

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